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Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) Alternate Assessment

ELA–Grade 4 Table of Specifications

Students with Significant Disabilities who take the Statewide Alternate Assessment

ELA Grade 4 Alternate Assessment Table of Specifications						
	DOK Stage 2	DOK Stage 3	DOK Stage 4	Item Total		
Reading Comprehension						
Reading Prose and Poetry						
Central Ideas and Details: Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level literary texts.						
LA.4.RP.1 Determine a theme in a literary text and how it is conveyed through key de	tails.					
LAE.4.RP.1 Identify the explicitly stated main idea and/or a key detail that supports the explicitly stated main idea in a literary text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		
LA.4.RP.2 Analyze a character, setting, or event in a literary text, drawing on specific details such as a character's thoughts, words, or actions.						
LAE.4.RP.2 Identify and describe the main character(s) or setting in a literary text, using key details from the text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		
Author's Craft: Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level literary text.						
LA.4.RP.3 Distinguish reader perspective from the perspective and point of view of the literary text.	e narrato	r or the o	haracters	in a		
LAE.4.RP.3 Determine the narrator's or a character's point of view explicitly stated in a literary text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		
LA.4.RP.4 Compare and contrast the structural elements of literary texts (e.g., drama:	s, narrativ	es, and p	oems).			
LAE.4.RP.4 Identify a drama, a poem, or a story, using structural elements of a literary text.	Assessed at the district level.					
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Knowledge and Ideas: Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary text.					
LA.4.RP.5 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics and patt different authors or from different cultures.	LA.4.RP.5 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics and patterns of events in literary texts by different authors or from different cultures.					
LAE.4.RP.5 Identify a similarity in characters, settings, or events between two literary texts by the same author (e.g., books from a series).	Asse	Assessed at the district level.				
LA.4.RP.6 Explain what the text says explicitly and draw inferences when asking or an paraphrasing specific evidence from the text as appropriate.	swering o	uestions	, quoting,	or		
LAE.4.RP.6 Answer literal questions, using explicit information from a literary text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		
LA.4.RP.7 Explain an author or narrator/speaker's treatment of similar themes and range of literary texts.	or patter	ns of eve	ents in a w	vide		
LAE.4.RP.7 Identify a similarity in character traits, events, or themes in two literary texts.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		
Reading Informational Text						
Central Ideas and Details: Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development of themes or central ideas in grade-level informational text.						
LA.4.RI.1 Determine the central idea of an informational text and how it is conveyed	through k	ey details				
LAE.4.RI.1 Identify the explicitly stated central idea and/or a key detail that supports the explicitly stated central idea in an informational text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4		

LA.4.RI.2 Analyze an individual, event, scientific idea or concept, or steps in a process.							
LAE.4.RI.2 Identify how individuals or events are related in an informational text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
Author's Craft: Citing relevant and thorough evidence to support ideas, evaluate the development and interaction of individuals, ideas, and events in grade-level informational text.							
LA.4.RI.3 Compare and contrast authors' perspectives in multiple informational texts of	of the sar	ne topic.					
LAE.4.RI.3 Determine if an author's purpose is to inform, entertain, or persuade.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
LA.4.RI.4 Describe the overall structure of an informational text and how it contributes to meaning.							
LAE.4.RI.4 Use text features (e.g., titles, headings, table of contents, glossaries, captions, graphs, maps, other visuals) to locate information.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
Knowledge and Ideas: Citing relevant and thorough textual evidence to support ideas, evaluate how an author's perspective or use of point of view shapes the style and meaning of grade-level literary text.							
LA.4.RI.5 Integrate information from multiple informational texts on the same topic in of the topic.	order to	demons	trate knov	wledge			
LAE.4.RI.5 Identify similar ideas between two informational texts on the same topic.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
LA.4.RI.6 Identify an author's claim(s) and explain how the author supports the claim in	n the tex	t.					
LAE.4.RI.6 Answer literal questions, using explicit information from an informational text.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
LA.4.RI.7 Explain an author or speaker's treatment of similar topics and/or patterns of events in a wide range of informational texts.							
LAE.4.RI.7 Identify patterns of events in two informational texts.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
Vocabulary							
Acquisition and Use: Build and use a range of conversational, academic, and disciplinand apply to reading, writing, speaking, and listening.	e-specif	ic grade-l	evel voca	bulary			
LA.4.V.1 Acquire and use grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately.							
LAE.4.V.1.a Use context clues (e.g., definitions, examples, restatements) with or without illustrations to determine the meanings of words and phrases.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
LAE.4.V.1.b Use commonly occurring prefixes and roots to determine the meaning of words.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
Context and Connotation: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.							
LA.4.V.2 Interpret an author's use of figurative, connotative, and technical language in informational text.	grade-le	vel litera	ry and				
LAE.4.V.2.a Use text and/or illustrations to determine the meaning of figurative language (e.g., alliteration, onomatopoeia).	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			
LAE.4.V.2.c Identify commonly occurring synonyms.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4			

Writing								
Productions of Writing: Use a recursive writing process to produce clear and coherent writing appropriate to the discipline, audience, and/or context.								
LA.4.W.1 Create grammatically correct sentences and paragraphs using a variety of sentence types and phrasing.								
LAE.4.W.1.a Capitalize initial words and names in simple and complex sentences.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4				
LAE.4.W.1.b Use periods, question marks, and exclamation points in simple and complex sentences.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4				
Modes of Writing: Write in a variety of modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.								
LA.4.W.3 Write creative and/or expressive pieces that describe a well-developed event or experience.								
LAE.4.W.3.b Use precise words, phrases, and descriptive details to describe experiences or events.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4				
LA.4.W.4 Write opinion pieces that explain a perspective with supporting reasons and/or evidence.								
LAE.4.W.4.b Identify facts to support reasons and/or evidence.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4				
LA.4.W.6 Locate and summarize relevant evidence from literary and/or informational text sources to answer questions about a topic.								
LAE.4.W.6.b Identify appropriate print and digital sources needed to gather information about a given topic.	0-2	0-4	0-2	0-4				